

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**Max W. DURNEY**Application No. *To be assigned*Filed: *Herewith*For: **JOINERY MEMBER AND  
FASTENER AND PROCESS AND  
APPARATUS FOR PLACEMENT  
OF THE FASTENER**Art Unit: **Prior: 2619**Examiner: **Prior: Shelley M. Self**Docket No.: **A-70345-1/RBC/VEJ***Express mail mailing label**Number: EV 298965974 US**Date of deposit: January 16, 2004**I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express Mail Post Office To Addressee service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**Typed name: Bret Melanson**Signed:* Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450***PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT***

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

***AMENDMENTS***

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets 1-9. Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 10 of this paper.